

## DUEL MAY BE LINK IN KIDNAPPING CASE

Two Italians Cry 'Death to Informers' as They Shoot Down Their Foes.

## LETTER FOUND ON BODY

Police Believe Man Killed May Have Threatened to Solve Varotta Case.

## PRISONERS ARE SILENT

Officials Refuse to Indicate Progress Made in Finding Murderers of Boy.

The police are endeavoring to link the kidnapping and murder of five-year-old Giuseppe Varotta with the fatal pistol duel between Italian gunmen on the Schiff Parkway late Thursday night, which resulted in one man being killed, another mortally wounded and bullets slightly wounding four passersby, including two women.

Detectives are working also on a suggestion that the shooting affair might have been the result of a gambling feud or the aftermath of a fight over the division of money obtained from the sale of smuggled narcotics.

A score of Italians living in the neighborhood were questioned yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Dineen, who has been active in the investigation of the slaying of the Varotta boy, whose body was found in the Hudson River last Saturday. Detective Sergeant Michael Flaschetti also questioned a number of Italian men and women who witnessed the pistol duel.

When the first volley was fired by two Italians they cried, "Death to informers!" which leads the police to believe that the man killed, or the one mortally wounded, might have declared they were going to tell the authorities something about the Varotta case. In one of the pockets of the dead man, believed to be Vincenzo Alfalo of 8 Prince street, was found a letter postmarked Norfolk, Va., the contents of which the police refuse to make public at this time.

Salvatore Viscone of 340 East 106th street, who was arrested near the scene of the shooting with a revolver in his hand containing four empty cartridges refused to talk except to say he had been shot at, but did not know his attackers.

Pasquale Cappola of 114 Christie street, who was with Viscone, is being held as a material witness. He also would not give any information only that they had picked up the weapon from the gutter. Another revolver found at the scene contained five empty cartridges. In all there were about fifteen shots fired, so the police say.

Mrs. Anna Waxman of 18 Schiff Parkway and her daughter, Lena, were sitting before their home at the time the bullets began to fly. The mother was shot through the leg and the daughter in the right leg. It is believed that one of the duellists escaped probably slightly wounded.

Nicholas Ventura of 24 Delancey street, who is in Gouverneur Hospital in a dying condition, is charged with killing Alfalo. In one of Ventura's pockets was found a permit to carry a revolver which was signed by the Justice of the Peace of Haverstraw, N. Y., which is a few miles from the place where the Varotta boy's body was discovered.

There is a large Italian settlement in Haverstraw, where they are employed in the brick yards. It has been the theory of the police that the Varotta boy was thrown into the Hudson near Haverstraw and floated down the river to Piermont, a few miles away.

Neither the police nor the District Attorney's office would give out any information yesterday indicating that further progress had been made in bringing to justice the persons responsible for the death of young Varotta after being refused blackmail money by his parents for the return of the boy alive.

Failure of the police to make more progress in the Varotta case is due, in the opinion of persons familiar with police history, to the breaking up of the old Italian squad.

The Italian squad, which drove the Black Hand from New York city, has been a thing of the past since the Police Commissioner's reorganization of the force, who reorganized the Detective Bureau by splitting it into sections. There is an Italian squad now, under command of Detective Michael Flaschetti, but it does not contain a single man of the detectives who made the Italian squad terrible to the blackmailers, kidnappers and counterfeiters of a decade ago.

Detective Lieut. Petrosino, under whose leadership the Italian squad was first got together and who was killed in Palermo, Italy, in 1909, and his successor, Lieut. Antonio Vachris, deserved the credit for this result. Vachris is out of the Police Department now, having retired. Among the thirty to forty men who served under Petrosino and Vachris were Rocco Cavone, Joseph DiGirolamo, Ralph Miceoli, John Drogopoli, Charles Corrao, John Casati, Hugh Cassidy and Jim Crowley (Irishmen who could speak Sicilian with the best), Dan Devotil, Ed Castano, Teubel, Mondo, Betti, De Martini and Archello. Many of these men are still in the Police Department. Some of them are in the Detective Bureau. Others are "pounding the pavement" as patrolmen; others are precinct detectives and on inspectors' staffs; others have been promoted. But there is not one of them on the Italian squad or assigned to "Black Hand" or kidnapping cases especially.

## 'BLACK CAT' FIGHTS FOR DANCING LICENSE

Court Orders Police Commissioner to Review Evidence.

Upon application of Louis Paseri, vice-president of the Black Cat Restaurant, Inc., at 537 West Broadway, Justice Whitaker, in the Supreme Court, yesterday issued a writ of certiorari, returnable in twenty days, which requires John F. Gleehart, Commissioner of Licenses, to submit to a review of the proceedings in which he refused to issue a license to the establishment.

In his application Paseri says he has conducted the Black Cat for many years and that one of its chief attractions is a large dancing floor upon which his patrons were encouraged to disport themselves without extra payment. After the police butted in and the dancing came to an end Paseri says that a majority of his patrons sought other restaurants in which to enjoy themselves.

## MISSING GIRL FOUND; HUCKSTER IS ACCUSED

Marian Bushnell Booked as Incurable Child.

Miss Marian Martha Bushnell, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Stephen S. Bushnell of 11 Macon street, Brooklyn, who had been missing from her home since last Sunday night, was found last night by Detectives Beyer and McCormack of the Gates avenue station in Brooklyn. According to the police she was living in a furnished room at 8 Clinton street, Brooklyn, with Arthur Swanson, a vegetable huckster of 13 Temple Court, Brooklyn.

The detectives took the girl and Swanson to the Claason avenue station, where Swanson was charged with a statutory offense, and Miss Bushnell was booked as an incurable child and sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The police learned last night that Miss Bushnell, although 16, is only in the Grade 8A class in public school, in which the pupils are usually about 12 or 13 years old.

## PUT CHURCHES OFF 5TH AVE., IS URGED

Real Estate Operator Says Sites Should Be Used by Tax Paying Enterprises.

When the Board of Estimate took up yesterday the matter of widening Fifty-seventh street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues, Robert E. Simon, a real estate operator, astonished the members with the suggestion that churches, synagogues and other houses of worship should not be allowed to occupy sites on Fifth avenue and other prominent thoroughfares, thereby depriving the city of taxes on valuable property.

"For instance," he said, "the Jewish synagogue on Fifth avenue could be sold for \$4,000,000 and torn away for a business building paying taxes. Then the money could be used to erect another synagogue on a less expensive site and some money still would be left over for charitable purposes."

The Mayor cut him off, with the statement that he was not particularly convincing. Simon's suggestion came up when Dr. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, on Fifty-seventh street near Sixth avenue, objected to the proposal to widen the sidewalks and cause the church to remove the buttresses supporting the church spire.

The resolution to widen the roadway to sixty feet passed by a unanimous vote, but the widening of the sidewalks to twenty feet got by with just the necessary majority, the Mayor and Calvin D. Van Name, President of Richmond, voting against it.

## CHURCH BOUGHT FOR NEGROES.

Ormond Place Property to Be Used for Catholic Mission Work.

The Right Rev. Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn has purchased the old church property at Jefferson avenue and Ormond place, Brooklyn, for the use of the first Catholic Church for negroes in the diocese of Long Island.

The Ormond Place Reformed Church formerly occupied the property. It has been used for some years as a depot by an express company. The house adjoining, on Ormond place, also has been bought and will be used as a rectory by the Rev. Bernard J. Quinn, who is in charge of the colored Catholic mission work in Brooklyn and Long Island.

## BODIES OF INSTRUCTORS TAKEN FROM HUDSON

Are Identified by Chief of Police at Piermont.

The bodies of the two Piermont High School instructors, Wilford D. Woodard and E. M. Godshall, who were drowned in the Hudson, off Piermont, N. Y., when their canoe upset last Tuesday, were recovered yesterday. The body of Woodard was found lodged in a guy rope of one of the Munson line steamers anchored off Irvington. The body of Godshall was found floating near Alpine, N. Y. Both bodies were identified by the chief of police at Piermont.

The body of Woodard was shipped to the home of his parents in Moravia, N. Y., from where it will be buried on Monday. The parents of Godshall, who live in Philadelphia, were notified and ordered the body of their son shipped home. He will be buried on Monday with a brother, whose body has just been returned from France.

## NURSE DIES AS RESULT OF MERCURY POISONING

Miss Carragher Refuses to Explain 'Why She Took It.'

Miss Alice Julia Carragher, 23, a graduate nurse, who has a furnished room at 130 West Seventy-third street, died last night at the Manhattan Square Sanitarium, 36 West Seventy-seventh street, where she had been for two days suffering from mercury poisoning.

The death was reported to the medical examiner by Dr. James N. West of 71 West Forty-ninth street, who had been attending her at the sanitarium. Last Saturday night an ambulance was summoned to the Seventy-third street address and Dr. Stone of Knickerbocker hospital found that Miss Carragher had taken bichloride of mercury. She was reluctant to give any information about herself and said she would have her own physician treat her.

## POSSE IS ORGANIZED TO SEARCH FOR NEGRO

Murder Suspect Reported in Woods Near Linwood, N. J.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 17.—A posse has been organized at Linwood, about eight miles from here on the mainland, to search for a negro who has been hiding in the woods near there and who is said to answer the description of Louis Lively, the negro who is wanted for the murder of seven-year-old Mattilda Reese at Moorestown two weeks ago. The negro has terrorized the inhabitants of the Linwood district, and for some days they have been afraid to venture out of their homes unless they are armed.

The negro was seen last Wednesday night, when he accosted John Lloyd and Edward Ireland, Jr., as they were on their way to the Zion Church near Linwood. He flourished a razor and demanded their money and valuables.

N. Y. RAILWAYS LOSES SUI.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig announced yesterday that the Appellate Division has sustained the city's contention that the New York Railways is not entitled to collect from the city \$100,000 alleged by Job E. Hedges, receiver, to be due from overpayment of franchise taxes.

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### "New Linen Pump"

FOR SUMMER WEAR

at 8.00

—featuring the salient points of the Mid-Summer Mode in a new and delightful material—

Slim, graceful lines—stitching that looks like perforation—and a single strap over the instep—those are the three features which prove that these cool white linen pumps are in perfect accord with the Mode of the moment. Louis XV or "Dolly" heels. Wide range of sizes.

Second Floor

WOMEN'S

### Overnight Cases

Regularly 32.50

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As good looking as the finest Vachette leather can make them, and as convenient as you could wish! Fitted with a beautiful 11-piece toilet set of white Ivortus, remarkably light of weight and a perfect imitation of real ivory. Plenty of room for clothes, too!

Street Floor

500 Exquisite Hand Crochet

### BEADED BAGS

—in a very unusual sale Saturday

at 4.75

Smartest of drawstring beaded bags in rich pastel colorings. The designs are taken from Old World tapestries, and are so beautifully done that one must really see them to fully realize their perfect blending of coloring and expert beading.

### The New Silk Vanity Bags

14-Karat Gold Trimmed

—now enjoying such a wide vogue—

Special 5.00

—of fine moire silk in striped and watered effects, handsomely silk lined and fitted with purse and mirror.

Street Floor



WOMEN'S

### Swagger Sports Coat of Flannel

on sale Saturday

at 19.75

All the whims of Fashion have been considered in designing these smart coats. Perhaps by leaving the sleeves off in one model smartness is added—perhaps another achieves youthfulness by adding Peter Pan collar and cuffs—or chooses the long Tuxedo front for gracefulness—but in every instance, Fashion is satisfied—and you will be, too, when you see them. The colors are the newest—and each coat is silk lined.

A Large Collection of Women's

### Wraps and Coats

Reduced from Higher Prices

to 25.00

Satin, Tricotine, Duvet de Laine and Men's Wear Serge are the materials, which means that they are made of wanted fabrics in models suitable for dress and street wear, every one beautifully silk lined, and a most unusual value.

Fourth Floor

Our Entire Remaining Stock of Misses'

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Radical Reductions

Dressy Daytime Coats and Wraps—

Regularly 29.50 to 39.50—now 19.75

Dressy Daytime Coats and Wraps—

Regularly 39.50 to 55.00—now 29.75

Dressy Daytime Coats and Wraps—

Regularly 59.50 to 69.50—now 39.50

Dressy Daytime Coats and Wraps—

Regularly 75.00 to 125.00—now 59.50

Second Floor

### Gold-Plated Mesh Bags

—in green gold finish—

At 7.95

Quite aristocratic in appearance, since they follow closely costly gold bags. Fine reversible mesh makes the deep full skirt, and three gay little mesh tassels dangle from the bottom.

### Silver-Plated Vanity Cases

are low priced at 1.00

Pretty enough to carry about at any time, and serviceable enough so that one always wants to carry one. The outside is embossed, the inside contains mirror, puff, coin holders and compartments for cards or bills.

Street Floor

## Correct Summer Apparel At Remarkable Prices

A Really Unusual

### Sale of Hand Bags

for Women and Misses

at 5.00

Silk and leather hand bags such as usually sell for twice this price! And in so many models and designs that you cannot help finding one that suits your need exactly. There are delightful pouchy duvetyn bags on hand etched frames—roomy, moire silk bags, some on engraved frames, and some on plain frames that look! Genuine pin seal, calf and Morocco bags, too, in the three most favored models: the "pouch," the "swagger" and the "envelope."

Street Floor

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S

### Superior Cloth Umbrellas

Special 2.65

Fine quality superior cloth Umbrellas that have the lustre of silk, but much greater durability. Each is made over an eight ribbed Paragon frame—those for women have bakelite tips and stub ends—all have outside silk cases, and handles of leather and bakelite. Wonderful values.

Street Floor

### 1000 Silk Petticoats

—all of a very high standard in making, at a very low price—

3.95

A finely made Silk Jersey Petticoat is such a necessity for sheer Summer frocks that you will buy one sooner or later. Buy one of these now and save tremendously! There are two slim-line models for you to choose from—one in the dainty Van Dyke model, with a finely pleated ruffle—the other, cleverly pleated and ruffled in block designs. Both come in all the wanted colors.

ALSO—A Large Collection of

### Washable Satin Petticoats

at 3.95

Lined throughout to make them shadowproof—and daintily finished with embroidered scallops or hemstitched hem. In white and flesh.

Third Floor

### "Plastique" Corsets

—the highest achievement in modern corsetry—

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